



Request for Applications (RFA 11-04)
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) – Water/Wastewater Treatment Facilities

General Information

Funding Source

Funding for this grant is through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program with funds appropriated under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has allocated a portion of these funds to improve the efficiency of Montana water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Who May Apply

- Local Government entities
- ~~Local Government entities may serve as a pass-through to fund applications by unincorporated communities, non-profit entities, private enterprise, etc.~~

Purpose

The Department of Environmental Quality will be granting funds for energy studies in municipal water/wastewater treatment facilities across the state of Montana. There will be approximately 16 energy studies funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and all interested parties are encouraged to apply.

These energy studies will serve to benefit water/wastewater treatment facilities by giving each facility and understanding of their current energy use, identifying energy conservation measures, and establishing the foundation for future energy conservation projects. In order to make the selection process fair and competitive, each facility must comply with the following in order to be selected:

- Facility must be owned by a City or County
- Facility serves a minimum of 1,500 people
- Has not had an energy study in past 5 years

Submittal Information

Applications are DUE ~~MAY 27th, 2011~~ by 3:00 p.m. local time, on JUNE 03, 2011 and should be delivered by the due date and time to the following address:



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HAND DELIVERY
Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Financial Services
Metcalf Building, Room 3
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

MAIL DELIVERY
Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Financial Services
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Funding Period

The funding period will begin when contracts are fully executed by both parties and end no later than October 31st, 2011.

Available Funding

A total up to \$225,000 in funding will be dispersed to water & wastewater treatment facilities. Each facility will be granted no more than \$25,000.

How to Apply

Each facility interested in attaining a grant for an energy study will complete the criteria section listed below. In order to increase your chances of being selected please be as thorough as possible including all aspects of your facility that display the need for an energy study.

Ineligibility for ARRA Grant Funds

None of the funds provided from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5 may be used by any State or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.

Criteria

Complete the required criteria and questions below with as much detail as possible. The facilities that will be selected will be determined by how complete each response is, as well as the ability of the candidate to display a need and desire for an energy study.

1. List/discuss the type of treatment technology used at your facility and give the year of construction.
2. What utility company(s)/cooperative(s) provide services to your facility?
3. Provide 2 years of monthly utility data that relates directly to the facilities energy use.
4. List the Kwh/Dkt or Btu usage per year.
5. How many gallons per day of water does the facility receive for treatment?
6. List the population that the facility serves.
7. Are there any issues or concerns with general operations? (i.e.- service life issues)
8. Discuss any facility modifications within the past 10 years and any planned future projects.

Single Point of Contact

The single point of contact for this request is:

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Please submit all questions in writing via one of the media noted above.

Important Events And Dates	
1. Release of the <i>Request for Applications</i> (RFA)	May 6 th , 2011
2. Questions and Answer period	
• Questions taken until	May 20 th , 2011
• Answers will be posted on the website by	May 27 th , 2011
3. Grant requests received by deadline	May 27th, 2011 <u>June 03, 2011</u>
4. RFTA Reviewed for Completeness	June 4 st <u>08</u> , 2011
5. Completed Requests Forwarded to Review Team	June 2 ⁿ <u>09</u> , 2011
6. Evaluation Process	June 2 nd <u>09</u> – June 9 th <u>16</u> , 2011
7. Final Selections	June 11 th <u>17</u> , 2011
8. Sign Contracts and Begin Studies	June 23rd <u>July 01</u> , 2011